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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: INY

SUBJECT: Scope of FTD Efforts Under the Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS)
(Your Ltr, 19 Feb 85)

TO: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency/DT

1. We share your concern that it is inappropriate to expand FTD's role in review-
ing and processing non-S&T information and agree that CIRS has the potential for
extensive growth which could result in increased fiscal pressure on other FTD
programs. Further, many important support functions such as user access deter-
mination and training have not been addressed or funded.

2. Recognize that community interest in CIRS resulted in its high ranking in the
FY86 President's Budget and agree that FTD is the most logical location for the S&T
open literature node. Currently, we are proceeding with the program as defined and
funded in the GDIP. FTD is collecting abstracts from the Joint Publication
Research System and the Federal Research Division, Library of Congress; digitizing
and building a data base of these abstracts; and will provide the computers, data
storage, and computer operations.

3. It is time to reexamine the CIRS program. Request DIA, in conjunction with
the GDIP Staff and the IC Staff, take the lead to form a working group to address
and resolve the issues of common concern.

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       Committee
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